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Stage set for SGA elections, two race for presidency

By Ralph Cruze
News Editor

While The Meter believes all candidates have the right to relay their platforms to the students in an effort to help them make informed decisions regarding the elections, we are in no way endorsing any particular candidate for any office. The eligible candidates were given the opportunity to express their views to the students through interviews with The Meter. Candidates interviewed for this article were the only ones who accepted the invitation to use this medium.

— Editor

It's time to get ready for three full days of back slapping, hand shaking, new "best friends" and speeches that will include promises of working for the good of the student body.

Beginning with the 47th nominating convention at noon on Monday, April 4, the TSU student body will be subjected to an all-out campaigning assault by the eligible candidates. The attack will last for 72 hours.

Shawn Long, one of two eligible candidates for SGA president, believes that the voting decision should be made based on information. "Students need to look at the track record and get to know the individual," Long said. "Ask questions, examine the candidates — vote because you know they'll make a difference."

Long said his leadership ability and involvement with student politics since coming to TSU in 1990 make him an excellent



Angela Dixon

candidate. "My track record speaks for itself. . . . I am a very hard worker and I get my satisfaction from taking things to another level," Long said.

"With my leadership ability and my skills, I feel like I can do a lot of things. And I feel like being president is my next step, since I've been involved with a lot of things."

Angela Dixon, also a presidential candidate hopeful of being nominated on Monday, said that TSU is ready for leadership in the SGA president's office. "I think Tennessee State University needs a true leader," Dixon said.

"I think in the last few administrations, they really didn't do anything that you can remember. You can't just say 'In such and such administration they did this.'"

"We need somebody that's going to stand out and really work for TSU and make a difference, so next year they can say 'I remember the Dixon Administration because



Shawn Long

they did this.'"

Dixon also said that one of the goals of her administration, if elected, would be to deal with improving multicultural relations. "We need to have more things on campus like self-esteem seminars and multicultural seminars so people feel more comfortable with each other," Dixon said.

"I don't think we should keep feeding off the Stipulation of Settlement because that's in court anyway. I think we should just focus on the positive things we have and mold them in order to lift TSU."

"We need to move TSU forward," Dixon said, "we don't need anymore of those tensions."

Three of the six eligible vice presidential candidates are Chris Collins, Mira Evans and Delton Fernander. And while the position of vice president isn't as glamorous or high profile as that of SGA president, Fernander believes that it is an office from

which he can be most effective.

"I am a no-nonsense person and I'll do my best," Fernander said, "that's what I bring to the table. I feel that in terms of getting things done, you actually get to do things (in the office of vice president) and see them happen."

Fernander believes that the SGA should be more in tune with the students' needs and be open to student suggestions. "If I get elected, there will be more accountability to the students (as to) where activity fees go," Fernander said.

He also expressed strong feelings regarding discrimination of any kind. "There is discrimination even towards the international students — they don't get scholarships," Fernander said. "Uniting for the betterment of TSU is my goal."

The position of Representative-at-Large has seven seats available and 10 eligible candidates hope to be nominated.

Demetrius Jones, a current Rep-at-Large, is seeking re-election and is hopeful that his experience and reputation of working for the student body will give him the opportunity to serve another term.

"I'm the person for the job," Jones said. "The way students see me, students know the leader regardless of the title."

Jones said that the SGA needs to get the students more involved with campus activities by keeping them better informed. "I think the newspaper (The Meter) is a good way, but I think we should have our own newsletter to let the students know in advance what activities the SGA is planning," Jones said.

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Two roommates among contenders for Miss TSU

By April Coffee
Staff Writer

Two roommates and a third candidate are expected to be nominated to compete for the 1994-95 Miss TSU title at the pageant on April 6 and in elections on April 7 and 8.

Contestants Kimberley Dorsey and Angela Carroll are roommates in Hale Hall. Deena Rembert, the third candidate, is a junior computer science major.

Maryland native Kimberley Dorsey hopes to become a pediatric cardiologist one day. Some of her honors include SGA Speaker of the House, Who's Who Among American College Students, Biology Club, NAACP, and Miss Sophomore. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

"This has been a goal of mine since I came to TSU," Dorsey said. She also feels women who seek the title of Miss TSU are unique and that they exemplify qualities which are characteristic of many women striving to achieve high goals for the present and future.

Angela Carroll, a native of Memphis, is

pursuing a degree in architectural engineering. Her honors include Excellence in Mathematics Award, Most Outstanding Freshman, National Society of Black Engineers, National Society of Architectural Engineers, and first and second place in competitive DECA events. She is also a TSU majorette and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

"Tennessee State has enriched my perspectives — academically, culturally, and socially," Carroll said when asked what inspired her to run. She said she would also like to broaden her colleagues' perspectives, and that she has "entered to learn," and is "ready to go forth and serve."

Dorsey said that if she is nominated and then elected to the position, she will strive to "represent the welfare of the student body and university as a whole." She feels that she is sympathetic to the needs of the students on campus and could enhance the image of the university.

Carroll would like to have more events at TSU that will be culturally enlightening. Her greatest ambition is to serve TSU to the fullest capacity of her abilities.

With the roommate situation being a concern, Carroll feels that this campaign will not disintegrate their friendship. She also believes that even though they are contending for the same position, she wishes her roommate well in every endeavor she encounters.

Dorsey looks at the election as a friendly competition. She said that they are friends before competitors, and that they will be friends afterwards. "We're both mature adults capable of handling this type of a situation," Dorsey said.

She said that she has always been taught to be a God-fearing woman and believes strongly in her favorite Bible verse, Proverbs 3:5-6.

The Miss TSU pageant is set for Wednesday, April 6 in Kean Hall at 7:30 p.m. The pageant is intended to present the various contestants for Miss TSU to the student body. Students will then vote on April 7 and 8 to elect Miss TSU 1994-95.

Efforts to get an interview with contestant Deena Rembert were futile.

-- Editor

SEC WEEK '94

Monday, April 4

12:00 p.m. Nominating Convention for SGA candidates in Kean Hall

5:00 p.m. Nominating Convention for class officers in 'A' Auditorium

Tuesday, April 5

12:00 p.m. SGA candidates forum Avon-Williams campus, Rm. # 354

4:45 p.m. Parade Line-up (all candidates) behind Hale Hall

5:30 p.m. Parade begins

8:00 p.m. Class officers forum Floyd/Payne Center, Rm. # 210

Wednesday, April 6

3:00 p.m. SGA candidates forum 'A' Auditorium

7:30 p.m. Miss TSU pageant Kean Hall

Thursday, April 7

12:00 p.m. All campaigning ends

4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. VOTING Avon-Williams campus

Friday, April 8

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. VOTING

Main campus — Floyd/Payne Ctr.

8:00 p.m. Luau and announcement of winners — Kean Hall

Campus to focus on elections next week

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When it comes to taking action, Jones said the three best ways are to "inform the student body, inspire them and act on the information you get."

Willie Floyd is currently the junior class vice president and one of three hopefuls for the vacant senior class representative seat. He got into student government because he got tired of hearing students complaining but not doing anything to rectify problems.

"In my freshman and sophomore years," Floyd said, "I sat back and watched people complain, complain and complain and not do anything, so I decided to run and take action."

"Senior Class Rep is the only vote from the senior class officers that counts in SGA voting. I feel like there are a lot of things I'd like to see done, so we could say, 'The class

of '95 left its mark.'"

Floyd has some advice for the students regarding the candidates when it comes time to vote. "When you go to the polls, don't let it be about popularity, pick the best candidate."

Sherese Terrell, the only eligible candidate for senior class president, is going to focus her attention on unifying the senior class and implementing a senior/underclassmen mentor program.

"I want to promote more unity within the senior class and unity between students in general," Terrell said.

"I want to be known for my accomplishments . . . with suggestions from seniors and (for the seniors) to become more involved with the school."

The single most important problem that all of these candidates want to address, if elected, is student apathy.

This problem, as the candidate registration this year shows, is not simply lip service.

While several of the open seats will be hotly contested, there are no eligible candidates even registered for the offices of senior class vice president or treasurer, junior class president, and none registered for any sophomore offices except Ms. Sophomore and sophomore class treasurer.

Decisions, decisions, decisions.

When the campaigning begins next week, there will be appeals to the voters' stomachs as well as their sense of morality with this snack social and that podium-pounding speech.

But when Friday comes, the fates of the candidates will rest in the hands of the voters who may want to take the advice of Floyd and Long when it comes time to cast that ballot.

Crystal Powell is Miss Black and Gold



Crystal Powell was the proud winner of the Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black and Gold Pageant held in Kean Hall last Friday. She was one of 11 contestants who vied for the title. Photo by Lynette Brooks, Photo Editor

Student security begins patrolling campus, parking situation improves?

By Michael E. Gilbert
Staff Writer

Many students and faculty on campus have complained for years about not having a place to park. Your complaints have been heard.

The implementation of student security aides is the latest suggestion to answer the problem. These aides carry the title of ticket writers and with that, their duties consist of making sure that everyone is parked in their

designated areas and not in areas privately reserved.

"Some say that we are doing a good job of cleaning out their spaces," says Dwayne Helton, a senior criminal justice major at TSU.

According to student security, many of the problems surrounding parking on campus concern students and faculty occupying each other's space, vehicles without permits and the occasional violator who parks in the handicapped zone. Anyone caught in

these handicapped zones is subject to a \$100 fine as stated by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

For safety purposes, all student security aides work in teams with the benefit of having a uniformed officer nearby for support.

If you have a complaint or feel that you have been wrongly accused of a violation, there is an appeals process. Students who appeal their case must submit a hand-written letter within 10 days after the violation. You will then be appointed a date by the

traffic committee to state your case.

The traffic committee is located in the Floyd/Payne Student Center in room 304 and meets the last Monday of each month at 10 a.m. It is made up of faculty members, a uniformed security officer, and a student government representative.

"Parking is one of the biggest complaints that TSU faculty and students have," says Tonia Daily, a junior criminal justice major at TSU. The extra help with these additional student aides is helping to alleviate the problem.

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SGA visitation proposal under consideration

By Cassandra Gray
Staff Writer

The old debate over TSU's dormitory visitation policy continues with all sides of the issue making attempts to come up with new solutions that will be satisfactory to everyone involved.

In the past, each dormitory established its own rules for visitation. Now students and administrators want to standardize visitation. This would mean all dorms will follow the same guidelines for visitation, creating consistency with procedures.

As a result, the SGA has submitted a new visitation proposal to the administration. Under the new proposal, visitation will be seven days a week. However, upperclassmen and freshmen will be allotted different times for dormitory visitation.

Upperclassmen will have visitation noon to midnight. Freshmen hours would be 6 p.m.-11 p.m. weekdays and 4 p.m.-11 p.m. weekends.

This new proposal must go before the board for final approval before it can be placed in the student handbook.

Director of Residence Life Delores Lewis believes freshmen need a more restrictive policy than their upper-level counterparts. "Freshmen need adjusted hours for

visitation in order to get their feet on the ground," Lewis said.

"We feel it is important that freshmen adjust to college life and the challenging academic environment. I think visitation is healthy, although we must maintain the safety of students in dormitory halls."

Administrators are now looking at other Tennessee Board of Regents institutions and local universities to see how visitation is implemented. This will allow TSU to follow the same guidelines as other TBR institutions.

Another option being considered to eliminate confusion is by placing visitation on the SGA election ballot. Administrators will then know if the majority of students are truly in favor of dormitory visitation. Students would then know that when they return to campus in the fall, they will have visitation.

Larry Carpenter, Director of Boyd Hall said, "I would prefer an open visitation policy and would love to give students more adult responsibilities."

"But at the same time I want to be assured that residents will take care of the dorms, participate in dorm programs and just get involved period. By working together, we can create a homier and more trusting atmosphere."

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Features

Campus twins share experience on what life's like being "double"

By Mary Sue Bell
Features Editor

What is it about twins that causes us to do double takes? Why do we "ooh" and "ahh" over two identical babies in a double baby stroller? Do twins catch our eyes because they are cute or because they are unusual? Probably both.

Twin births are unusual. They occur in only one out of 80 to 100 pregnancies. Identical twins begin from a single egg fertilized by a single sperm; they are genetically identical. Nonidentical twins come from two eggs, each fertilized by a separate sperm. These twins have different genetic make-ups.

Twin babies are unusual and cute, but what happens to those precious little babies who grow up into two distinct personalities? What's it like being twins?

This question is commonly asked of at least six sets of twins attending Tennessee State University. "It's good, but it's hard," Tonya Cliff, 18-year-old twin of Sonya Cliff, says. "We look alike, but we are two different people."

Tonya and Sonya Gibson, 19-year-old identical twins who live in Wilson Hall — the dorm where Tonya and Sonya Cliff live — say they are asked this question all the time. "To me, she's just like a regular sister," Tonya says. "But we do have that special bond."

Kay and Karen Christian, 20-year-old identical twins who live in Hankal Hall, say the good thing about being twins is all the attention they receive. But Kay says she hates it when people judge them. "We're different. We are not the same person!"

Known on campus as the "Doublemint Twins," Kay and Karen say everybody calls them "the Twins" so they won't have to remember their names. In elementary school the school photographer placed four or five people between them so he wouldn't think their pictures were of the same person during processing and throw away one picture. When calling the roll, their teachers say, "The twins are here." When asking a question they say, "Miss Christian," or "One of the twins answer this one."

It's a paradox! Not only do people try to combine the twins into one person, they also compare them. Which one is prettier? Smarter? Stronger? Thinner? Twins say these types of comparisons can cause self-esteem problems.

Twenty-one year-old Shawn Witherspoon, fraternal twin to Dawn, an editorial/opinion editor for *The Meter*, says feeling like a "duplicate" caused him some problems. "We often had the same feelings and could tell how the other would react to certain things. It made it difficult to get along." Shawn says he believes same sex twins have more difficulty separating their identities.

According to Shawn, Dawn more or less played the protector role when they were growing up. He was quieter and often felt overlooked or ignored by his teachers.

"She progressed faster than I did," Shawn says. "People would say 'You did a good job Dawn' and wouldn't say anything to me. It made me feel out of place."

But Shawn gradually became his own person. "My parents always encouraged me to do better," he says. "But I wanted better for myself. I worked hard to improve."

Tonya Cliff, who says the worst part of being a twin is the comparison, recently cut her hair to emphasize her differences. She and Sonya stopped dressing alike by age 5. Although they are both accounting majors and roommates, they only have two classes

together. "We do so much together, we need space apart," Tonya says. "I don't feel I have to do everything with her. We can get on each other's nerves."

"Sonya is stronger than me," Tonya says. "I've had low self-esteem because people compare me to her. She's better in English than I am; I'm better in Math. I'm not going to say she's smarter. I'm smart too. I just don't use my time as well as she does."

Sonya agrees that Tonya has battled low self-esteem. "She's better now, though," Sonya says. "She's become more outgoing since she cut her hair."

Tonya and Sonya Gibson also struggle with the comparison problem, but have worked hard on their individuality. They live in the same dorm but are not roommates. Sonya is a biology major whereas Tonya is in nursing, and they don't usually dress alike. "We grew up tight," they agree. "We always had to dress alike growing up. This is our way of coming out."

Karen, who is 20 pounds heavier than Kay, says people identify her as the "big" twin. Kay doesn't appreciate it when people call Karen "the fat one." "It upsets her and it upsets me," Kay says. "We always say 'she's the skinny one, I'm the smart one,'" Karen adds.

Kay likes to tell about the first time she ever beat Karen. "I got a 4.0 last semester. She got mad at me 'cause I beat her." Changing her voice to a whining tone, Kay mocks Karen's reaction to Kay's 4.0: "I'm supposed to be the smart one. I want to be the smart one!" "I did not!" Karen says, and elbows Kay.

Kay and Karen agree that Karen does better on tests and that she is the serious twin. Since they take the same classes, Karen makes out a study schedule and tapes it on the dorm mirror over the sink. She insists that they study about four or five hours a night and 10 to 12 hours on weekends. "Some teachers accuse us of cheating because we have the same answers," Kay says. "We don't cheat, we just think alike. Of course we have the same answers, we study together."

Kay and Karen say they complement each other and cooperate well in daily lives. Whereas Karen tends to worry, Kay likes to joke. Karen always drives; Kay rides and criticizes her driving. Karen tastes food, and Kay will usually eat it if Karen says it's good. Karen also keeps up with Kay's papers, the dorm keys and controls the money. Sometimes she locks Kay out (for 5 minutes) to teach her a lesson about responsibility.

Karen loves plants, cross-stitch and



Seated left to right, front row, are Kay and Karen Christian. In the back row, left to right, are Tonya and Sonya Cliff. Photo by John Cross

books; Kay either hides Karen's books or reads the last few pages of a mystery novel and torments her about which character did what. Kay writes poetry, and Karen snoops and reads the poems. "Some are good; some are stupid," Karen says.

They almost always dress alike, unless they are mad at each other or just can't agree on what to wear. Karen accuses Kay of wanting to wear tight clothes, just to make her look bad. Kay says Karen wants to wear baggy clothes that don't match.

Despite the squabbles over little things and the problems concerning bigger things, Kay and Karen say they feel very lucky to have each other, and feel they would not be as strong separately.

The other twins agree that they need each other. The best part, they say, is that they never have to worry about having a best friend. Each twin includes the other in future plans.

Kay and Karen want to teach in their hometown of Buffalo Valley, Tenn. — "hopefully at the same school." Kay wants to get married and have 2 boys and a girl; Karen wants 2 girls and a boy. Kay says people are wrong when they say that she and Karen won't be as close after they have careers and get married. "We'll always be close," she says.

Sonya and Tonya Cliff want to become CPA's and open a business together. They say they really want to be different but that they enjoy being together.

Sonya and Tonya Gibson are both in the medical field but plan different careers.

Sonya wants to get her master's and perform autopsies; Tonya just wants to graduate.

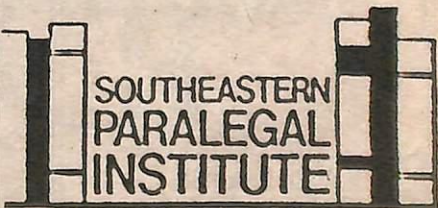
Shawn and Dawn aren't together a lot, but they stay in close contact. Dawn says that she and Shawn are more alike than they previously thought and that living apart salvages their relationship and enhances their friendship.

The twins don't feel that they are double trouble; they feel they are double blessings. They agree that they have a "special bond" that other brothers and sisters don't have. They also agree that if you mistreat one, you mistreat the other.

Having someone so much like yourself has its drawbacks, but TSU twins say the good outweighs the bad. They all feel toward their twin the way Tonya Gibson feels about hers. "I know that she will always be there for me."

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METER EDITORIAL

Student participation vital to success of elections

During the week of April 4, students of Tennessee State University will elect student leaders and representatives for the 1994-95 academic year.

Students will review the candidates for offices in the Student Government Association and Miss TSU through events such as the nominating convention, candidate debates, and the Miss TSU Pageant. The week-long activities will culminate with voting on Friday, April 8, and the announcement of results.

In recent interviews, Student Election Commission Chairlady Tiffany Taylor and adviser Professor Hoyt King identified the low turnout of voters as one of the main problems faced by the commission in carrying out its mandate of hosting the elections each year.

Reports from last year's elections indicate that fewer than 1,000 students, out of a total student population of more than 7,000,

voted to elect a new student leader. Current SGA President Rahsaan Robinson won the closely contested race for the presidency in last year's elections with 27 more votes than his opponent Angus Wilson. These statistics reflect how apathetic students have been about who represents them and their university.

Student elections afford each student an opportunity to play a role in the administrative decision making process. Student participation is therefore essential to ensure the election of a strong leadership for the upcoming school year. It is important to exercise our voting power to promote positive change, and to exemplify our "Commitment to Excellence."

There is a saying, "You are what you eat." Similarly, as students, who we choose to represent us in leadership positions reflect who we are, and the university as a whole.

Often, those who fail to vote criticize student leaders when they take a certain position on key issues. But if one gives up one's right to vote, he/she has no right to complain either.

We need to closely examine the candidates for various offices to ensure that their views are consistent with what we believe so they can effectively represent us.

It will take you no more than five or six minutes to vote, from the time you walk into the polling place to the time you cast your ballot, as Professor King said. Therefore time is no excuse. Attitude is.

So go to the poll and cast your ballot to show that you care. We owe it to ourselves and the university.

On April 8, the results of the student elections should reflect "A Measure of Student Opinion." This is possible if the student body chooses to participate.

GUEST COLUMN

Racial bigotry proves to be detrimental in any form

By Rev. Derek Grier
Contributing Writer

May a people never become so small that they must belittle the dignity of others to satisfy their own feelings of inadequacy. In my experience, it is only the most impotent of men who are intimidated by the success of a woman.

This little man usually stands on a five-foot soap box just to appear average. He spouts his self-righteous platitudes and can acknowledge nothing good about another.

His insecurity always leads to abuse, if not physical, it will certainly be mental.

We have such male factors called "leaders" in the African-American community. They seduce the short-sighted and those

unable to bridle their passions. They appeal to the pride of African-Americans by imaginatively raising us to the status of gods and designating those with less melanin in their skin to the degrading position of "white devils." This same type of philosophy made me three-fifths of a man in the initial Constitution of the United States of America.

Feelings of personal inadequacy will always lead to abuse.

To the discerning, such leaders who cry for the superiority of one man over another and denounce those who disagree as traitors and Uncle Toms act as nothing more than bullies to the weaker masses.

Forgive me for thinking, this seems to be my chief sin in life.

This inordinate cry for unity in the face

of untruths reeks of mindless hysteria. Hitler became one of the most vicious world leaders through such demagoguery. He was not only a small man in his physical stature but in spirit.

Feelings of impotence, left unchecked, will always lead to abuse.

Do not challenge my dignity by asking me to become a part of such an ungodly chorus. Some may not like my tune, but I am answerable to my conscience and must march to a different drummer.

May I never be brought so low that I would hate another. May I never become so full of anger towards another that I compromise the only thing that truly matters, my integrity in the eyes of an all-knowing and loving God.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student concerned about tension among Greek-letter organizations

Dear Editor,

In recent years, I have been told that we (African-Americans) are descendants of kings and queens, including pharaohs of Egypt, and that as the mothers of the earth, we possess the beauty of the palest pink to the darkest, ebony and mahogany skin. It is said that we even possess the secret of joy. We, the people of endurance, of brotherhood, of history, and of beauty are slowly massacring the Father's work who said that we must preserve the Mother's vision that saw unity and friendship among us all.

On the campus of Tennessee State University, many personalities (groups) are being reduced to a color. It makes no difference if the white man does it or if we do it to ourselves. The outcome is the same — our destruction as a people. The white man might hate us because we are black. We hate each other because we are black and gold, purple and gold, red and white, pink and green, blue and white and blue and gold.

At least the white man is no hypocrite. He hates us from the day we are born. We hate us from the day we are "made." I am a living testimony of this. There was a time not too long ago when I was Sharese Terrell. Now, judging by the actions of others, I am merely an entity of pink and green (AKA colors) with no thoughts, no emotions, no heart. I know I have a heart; therefore, I

know my sister of crimson and creme, blue and white, or blue and gold, too, has a heart. I know I have a soul; therefore, my brother of blue and white, black and gold, purple and gold or red and white, too, has a soul.

I am your sister as before. Now I have just added new colors of pink and green to my wardrobe. If this is so for me, it must be so for my brothers who attacked each other on that Friday night in Kean Hall about a month ago. Maybe some reader can help me understand why men such as Martin Luther King and W.E.B. DuBois struggled against a system of oppression so that we could enjoy basic human rights and yet the young blacks of today choose to struggle against each other with no reward but injury, death, and destruction.

And tell me why several members of fraternities, who by oath of their respective organizations claim to be of service to all mankind and promote unity, turn against their brothers. We all are mere babies in the Master's arms. We all are God's children, none more significant than another!

Only a few, short months ago I was greeted with smiles and always made comfortable by members of various Greek-letter organizations. Now, all of a sudden, I am confronted with malicious words and contemptuous glances.

Honestly, I had expected this reaction on a small scale from the student body. I

also expected a warm welcome into TSU's Greek-letter family. To my surprise, the outcome was vice versa. The realization confused me as I thought of the reason black Greek-letter organizations were founded. One purpose was to promote unity and friendship. I grimace that my greetings of acquaintances in other sororities has been reduced to a distant "Hello." The tension between all Greek-letter organizations is thicker than a block of ice.

If the TSU community is representative of the state of our total black community, then our plight is one of separation and hatred toward one another.

Each organization on TSU's campus has its own allotment of power. Just imagine how great the power could be if we all merged in a common effort and supported each other. In the words of singer Tevin Campbell, "If we all sing one song, one song of love, one song of peace, one song to make all our troubles cease!"

If we view color as our only determinant of worth, we are no better than the white men who shackled us over 200 years ago. I beg all Tennessee State University students, especially Greeks, take off the blinders, loose the shackles, and WAKE UP.

Sincerely,
Sherese L. Terrell
TSU student

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Communications major selected for internship at TPCA

Staff Writer/Press Release

Diaquetis Cheatham, a Nashville native and a junior at Tennessee State University majoring in Speech Communication, was recently selected as the first intern for a newly developed internship program at the Tennessee Primary Care Association.

The program was designed to assist interns in obtaining practical experience in communication by providing them with a hands-on learning experience, according to a TPCA press release.

"We selected Dia as an intern because she showed great enthusiasm and a strong will to learn. We developed this internship program because we wanted to offer students a secondary place to learn and enhance their skills," said Trenay Perry, a TSU graduate and communications manager of TPCA.

Cheatham will perform numerous tasks. "I am excited about writing stories and news releases, assisting in the development of association publications, and learning the



Diaquetis Cheatham

basics about publication design," Cheatham said. "This is what an internship is all about."

So far, according to Cheatham, it is one experience she will not easily forget.

TPCA, a not-for-profit corporation, has the goal of strengthening community-based primary health care systems in Tennessee.

Five honor students present papers at High Tech Expo

Staff Writer/Press release

Tennessee State University students Carolyn Bishop (accounting), Shunta Glasper (business administration), Chaunceia Hughley (chemistry), Veronica Patillo (English), and Dusty Walker (engineering) are five of 40 outstanding students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) who recently presented high technical papers at the 19th Annual National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education in Washington, D.C.

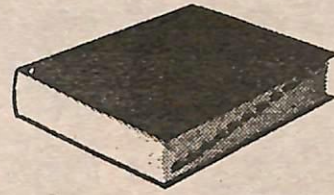
The five honor students were nominated by Sandra Holt, interim director of the University Honors Program. Joan C. Elliott,

honor seniors adviser, worked closely with the students to ensure that each presentation was high quality.

Since its inception seven years ago, the Black College Students High Tech Expo has become one of the highlights of the National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, sponsored by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

"Students making presentations at the High Tech Expo show that HBCUs continue to produce high-quality individuals who can enter into the American mainstream and contribute as outstanding citizens to the workforce of America, said Samuel L. Myers, NAFEO's president.

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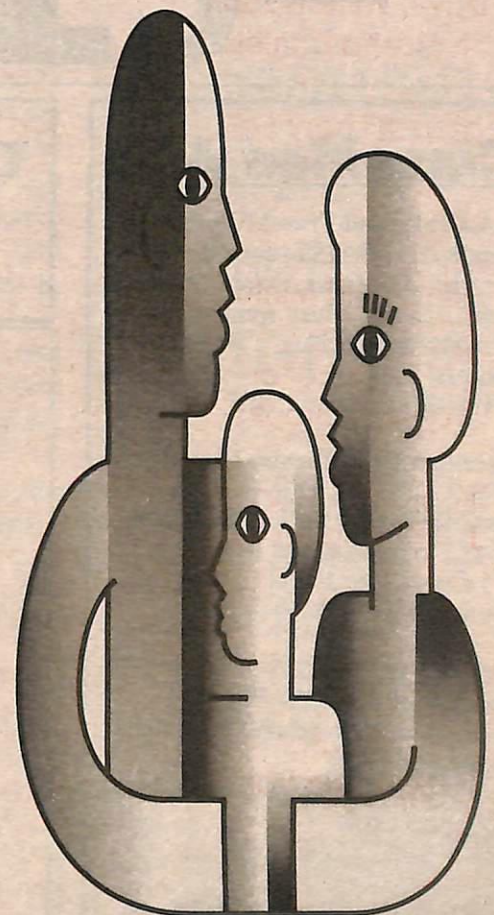
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Entertainment



Nashville rapper Pistol shoots his way to stardom



Nashville rapper Leroy Gordan, known as Pistol, is speeding to the top of the rap charts with his album "Hittin' Like A Bullet," which reflects life on the street.

By Lisa Ojeshina
Entertainment Editor

in Charge," "On Top," "Hard To Says" and more.

Pistol is also known for his opening performances for such artists as Ice T, Dr. Dre, Luke Skywalker, Public Enemy, N.W.A., Ghetto Boys, Easy E, 8 Ball and MJG.

Although most of Pistol's rap deals with the heftics of street life, he would like to share some advice to all the young people: "I'm basically a newsreporter of the streets. I let people on the outside know about what's going on in the inside.

"Your life shouldn't have to be about the things I had to endure in life. Whatever you set your goals to, always stick with it. Your body may give out, but your mind should never give up. Stay in school and acquire all the knowledge you possibly can gain," Pistol says.

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Pistol's new release "Hittin' Like A Bullet" is available in stores everywhere, along with his already popular single "Rollin In My 64," which is selling like sugar treats in a candy store. But don't stop at the single, because the CD has more to offer. Some of the tracks you must hear are "Who's

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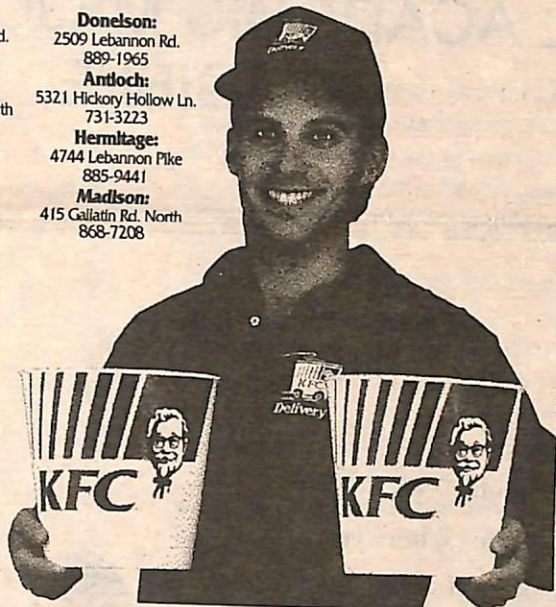
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Sports

Tigers fail to deliver upset

By Reginald Minter
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive season, the TSU Tigers were unable to pull out an upset win over a powerhouse squad in the NCAA's Big Dance as they went down by the score of 83-70 to the Kentucky Wildcats.

The Tigers traveled to St. Petersburg, Fla. feeling they had a chance of being a "Cinderella" and confident of their chances of defeating Kentucky.

But Kentucky's coach, Rick Pitino, had other things in mind as he was determined to not let Carlos Rogers get going. On several occasions when Rogers touched the ball he found 3 or 4 Kentucky jerseys surrounding him.

The Tigers put themselves in a position to win as they went into the half after an Andre Riddick dunk that left the Wildcats up by only 1 point.

However, the Kentucky pressure defense took its toll on the Tigers in the second half, as Kentucky managed to build an 18-point lead with 10:40 left to play. The Tigers never came within striking distance after the Kentucky spurt.

The Kentucky defense forced the Tigers into 28 turnovers, limiting Rogers to just 10 shots, 15 points, and 11 turnovers, and frustrating him to the point where he received a technical foul for slamming the ball to the floor.

"I was not frustrated, but it was just one of those things. If there were three people on you, you'd get pretty uptight also," Rogers said.

Sophomore Curtis Davis lead the Tigers in scoring with 17 points, and Rico Beasley added 15. Beasley also did a great job of staying in Travis Ford's face, limiting him to one three-point shot attempt.

Kentucky was led by Rodrick Rhodes and Andre Riddick who both finished the game with 22 points. Riddick was able to make a couple of big baskets in the second half that diminished the Tigers chances of winning.

The loss to Kentucky also marked the end of the college careers of 6 Tigers players; Carlos Rogers, Rico Beasley, Greg Watkins, John Ruffin, Neil Jones, and Royce Gurnell. Rogers is expected to be a lottery or first round draft pick in the NBA draft.

Hopefully, Coach Allen will remain as head coach of the squad next season. Allen is considered by many to be a hot ticket for coaching vacancies around the country due to his success in turning TSU's program around.

Allen feels that TSU will continue its success even though Rogers is leaving. The Tigers will have Tim Horton and Curtis Davis back next season. Monty Wilson will also return next season, hopefully injury-free. And they look for Albert Bond to step up and play well next season.

Softball team beats Trevecca, ends losing streak

By Jimmy Bethae
Staff Writer

The Lady Tigers softball team, coached by Leon Moore and his assistant Frances Griffin, began their first season of conference competition in Troy, Ala. at the Troy State tournament.

The team consists of freshman players Rachel Arnold, Kathy Maupin, Tonya Moore, Tasha Simmons, Kyone Arnwine, Valerie Rosebur, M. Robinson, Clorissa Patton, N. Kechinyere Olumba, Keisha Felton, Tammie Cole, Constance Hudgins,

LaKeisha Morrow and Leejuana Bryant.

The team kicked off the '94 season by losing six straight games, and now has an overall record of 1-15.

However, the team showed promise with its first victory Saturday over Trevecca College by the score of 12-11. Coach Moore said, "We need improvement in our hitting and basic fundamentals." Keisha Felton has played exceptionally well despite the losses.

The Lady Tigers play their home games in Hadley Park. A new campus site is now being built for next season.

Charlotte Scott leads women's tennis team to success

By Kimlyn Scott
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team is having another terrific season. During the weekend of March 19, they didn't lose a single match at the Rust Tournament. This is the second time the women have won the Rust Tournament.

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Sophomore Charlotte Scott played her heart out and proceeded to win MVP honors for the tournament.

Sophomore Martisha Wilson said, "I played exceptionally well, and it was an experience playing in an all African-American tennis tournament."



TSU's Tim Horton attempts to drive past Kentucky's Tony Delk. By John Cross

Lady Tigers fall in Big Dance

By Reginald Minter
Sports Editor

Poor foul shooting and an inability to get going in the second half hurt the Lady Tigers as they suffered an 86-72 loss at Southern Miss in their NCAA Tournament debut.

Trailing by only 2 points at the half, the Lady Tigers could not halt the Lady Golden Eagles second half charge as they turned up their defensive pressure.

Coach Phillips felt the Tigers were probably a little nervous, as they shot a horrible 46 percent from the charity stripe.

The Lady Tigers were led by Carolyn Aldridge, who scored 20 points. Crystal Marshall added 17 points and 13 boards, and

Connie Swift finished with 10 points.

Southern Miss improved their overall record to 25-4. They were led by Janice Felder, who scored 23 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. They then defeated W. Kentucky in the second round.

The Lady Tigers finished the season with a 20-9 record, the best in school history. Their 1993-94 campaign included both the regular season and OVC Tournament championships. The Lady Tigers are now waiting for their OVC championship rings.

With only one graduating senior, the Lady Tigers are destined for another successful season, and a bid to the NCAA's big dance next year.

SPORTS JOURNAL

Fans show Tiger spirit despite team's loss to 'Cats

By Bryan Newcomb
Contributing Writer

Thirty-eight Tiger fans stepped aboard the bus Thursday night, March 17, to travel to St. Petersburg, Fla. to see the No. 14 seeded TSU Tigers take on the No. 3 seeded Kentucky Wildcats in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The trip, sponsored by SUBG (Student Union Board of Governors), for a mere \$20, included the bus ride, ticket to the game, and one night in a hotel. Needless to say, it was a trip to remember.

The bus pulled out at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, full of fans ready to cheer the Tigers on in the matchup against the Wildcats at The Thunderdome at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. It was a long night; we slept, we watched "Posse," we slept, we went to the bathroom, we slept again, we got lost, and finally, after waking up, we arrived in Tampa at 1 p.m.

After checking in at the Shoney's Inn, we got back on the bus and headed to St. Petersburg to The Thunderdome.

The game had just started as we arrived, and our seats — if you can believe it — were right off the floor. Once we started cheering, we never stopped.

In the first half we saw the Tigers play their best game of the season. At halftime we only trailed the 'Cats by one point. However, the second half left more to be desired.

As the second half began, it was easy to see we were up against a challenge. So many times, Kentucky players got away

with uncalled fouls, travels, and just about anything they wanted to. (An anonymous bald ref should get his eyes checked as soon as the tournament is over).

Down by 18, we rallied to within 9 to keep it respectable. The final score was TSU 70, Kentucky 83. In the capacity crowd of 25,345, I can honestly say that the 400-plus Tigers fans were the loudest.

Even though we lost, we stuck by our Tigers; and even after it was over, we joined hands and sang the alma mater — it was a great feeling. The next stop was one goal — FOOD!

The traffic was so bad, it took us an hour and a half to get back to Tampa, and then we had a 30-minute wait at Applebee's; but we finally got to eat. When we got back to the hotel, we spent the night reminiscing of old times and just enjoying ourselves.

As we pulled out at 12 the next day, we were all ready to get back home. We spent the bus ride back singing songs, sleeping, watching "Posse" again, and longing to get back to a real bed.

We definitely enjoyed the trip; it was great! We the fans were great, but most of all, the Tigers were great. No matter what anyone says, the Tigers proved they can hang with the big boys.

To top it off, the TSU Tiger fans were given the honor of "best fans" by the *Tampa Tribune*. It was a trip that anyone would have enjoyed.

I don't think the students, Coach Frankie Allen, and the Tigers will mind going back again next year.

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